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1. DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM DOES NOT RPT NOT CONTAIN STATEMENT
ON INDIAN "HEGEMONY" QUOTED FROM "PATRIOT" IN REF A. ONLY
REFERENCE IN PARTY PLATFORM TO SOUTH ASIA READS IN ITS
ENTIRETY AS FOLLOWS: "NO FOREIGN POLICY THAT REFLECTS
TRADITIONAL AMERICAN HUMANITARIAN CONCERN CAN BE IN-
DIFFERENT TO THE PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE ASIAN (SIC)
SUBCONTINENT."

2. "PATRIOT" QUOTE WAS TAKEN FROM "PRIORITIES FOR '76,"
A REPORT PREPARED BY THE DEMOCRATIC ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
ELECTED OFFICIALS, A GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE 1974 DEMO-
CRATIC MID-YEAR CONVENTION. THE REPORT, PRESENTED TO THE
PARTY CHAIRMAN, CONTAINS A FOREIGN POLICY SECTION WRITTEN
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BY A TASK FORCE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF GOVERNOR HARRIMAN.

A SUBORDINATE ASIA STUDY GROUP, CHAIRED BY PROFESSOR ROBERT SCALAPINO AND COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF GENERALLY LIBERAL ACADEMICS, DRAFTED THE SECTION ON ASIA. SOUTH ASIA MERITED FOUR PARAGRAPHS, NONE OF THEM NOTABLY AT VARIANCE WITH

PRESENT POLICY. RELEVANT PORTIONS READ AS FOLLOWS: "INDIA HAS NOW ACHIEVED A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF HEGEMONY OVER THE SUBCONTINENT, AND FUTURE AMERICAN POLICY SHOULD ACCEPT THIS FACT. ...OUR INTERESTS...WOULD NOT BE SERVED BY THE WEAKENING OR DISINTEGRATION OF ANY OF THE MAJOR SOUTH ASIAN STATES. ...WE SHOULD SEEK SOME GENERAL AGREEMENTS IN ARMS TRANSFERS...." KISSINGER

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